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Karen Getman, Chairman
Fair Political Practices Commission
428 J Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Regulation 18531.7, Agenda Item 8a

Dear Chairman Getman:

The Los Angeles City Ethics Commission letter of September 3, 2002, suggests that my letter to you of August 27, 2002, "does not clearly indicate" whether I believe candidate behested member communication payments fall within the exemption of section 85312. So the record is clear, I do believe such payments are within the meaning and purpose of section 85312. My support for amendment of regulation 1851.7 is based on the "made at the behest" issue as well as the definition of member.

Peace and friendship,


JOHN L. BURTON
President pro Tempore

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